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February 22, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

0.221 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,
In STARR COUNTY, TEXAS; MARCOS
MUNIZ, JR; et al.,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:21-cv-00004

ORDER

The Court now considers the United States' original and amended unopposed motions to continue the parties' upcoming initial pretrial conference and joint discovery/case management plan deadline.¹ The Court **STRIKES** the original motion² and considers only the amended motion.³

This Court's January 5, 2021 Order for Conference and Disclosure of Interested Parties ordered parties to appear on March 16, 2021, for an initial pretrial and scheduling conference and to file a joint discovery/case management plan at least ten days before the conference.⁴ The United States seeks to continue these dates for approximately thirty days in light of President Biden's proclamation ordering "a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct the southern border wall" and "the development of 'plan for the redirection of funds concerning the southern border wall.'"⁵

¹ Dkt. No. 41 & 42.

² Dkt. No. 41.

³ Dkt. No. 42.


⁴ Dkt. No. 4.

⁵ Dkt. No. 42 at 2–3 (quoting Pres. Proc. No. 10142, 86 Fed. Reg. 7225 (Jan. 27, 2021)).

The Court finds good cause in the request that this eminent domain proceeding be abated while the United States develops its plan concerning the southern international border and associated land use. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the United States' motion⁶ and **CONTINUES** the initial pretrial conference previously scheduled for March 16th to **April 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** The Court **ORDERS** the parties to file a joint discovery/case management plan no later than **April 2, 2021**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE at McAllen, Texas, this 22nd day of February 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Alvarez', is written over a horizontal line.

Micaela Alvarez
United States District Judge

⁶ Dkt. No. 42.